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The Draft Removal Action Workplan For The Burlingame High School Is Available For Your Review

The San Mateo Union High School District (SMUHSD) is modernizing the existing Burlingame High School located at 400 Carolan Avenue, Burlingame, California. During a site investigation, elevated levels of lead based-paint residue and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) were found in the soil around the main school building. The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is working with SMUHSD and they have developed a workplan that identifies the options to reduce or eliminate future exposure to lead based-paint residue and PCBs from the school site.

The draft Removal Action Workplan (draft RAW) outlines the details of the proposed removal activities for the lead based-paint residue and PCBs. The draft RAW is available for your review at the information repositories listed on page four of this fact sheet. If you have questions about this site, please contact Ms. Kamili Siglowide, DTSC Project Manager, at (916) 255-6527 or e-mail Ksiglowi@dtsc.ca.gov.

This fact sheet will provide you:

- History and background of the site
- Findings of the investigations
- Summary of the draft RAW
- Information on the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) - Notice of Exemption
- Next Steps

Public Comment Period

We encourage you to review and comment on the draft RAW. DTSC will hold a 30-day public comment period beginning **November 14, 2005** and ending **December 13, 2005**. All e-mailed comments must be sent to the Department no later than 5 p.m. on December 13, 2005. Mail written comments to:

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History and background of the Site

Burlingame High School was built on the site in the late 1920's. The site is comprised of a two story main building, a number of classrooms and office buildings, as well as sports fields and courts.

Findings of the investigation

In July 2003, a site investigation (Preliminary Environmental Assessment) was conducted to determine the prior usage of the site and to evaluate any impacts and extent of contamination. Lead-based paint residue and PCBs were detected at elevated concentrations around the main building. It is likely the lead-based paint residue came from the paint used on the school buildings prior to the 1980's. It is likely the PCBs came from the fluid formerly used in electrical transformers.

Draft RAW process

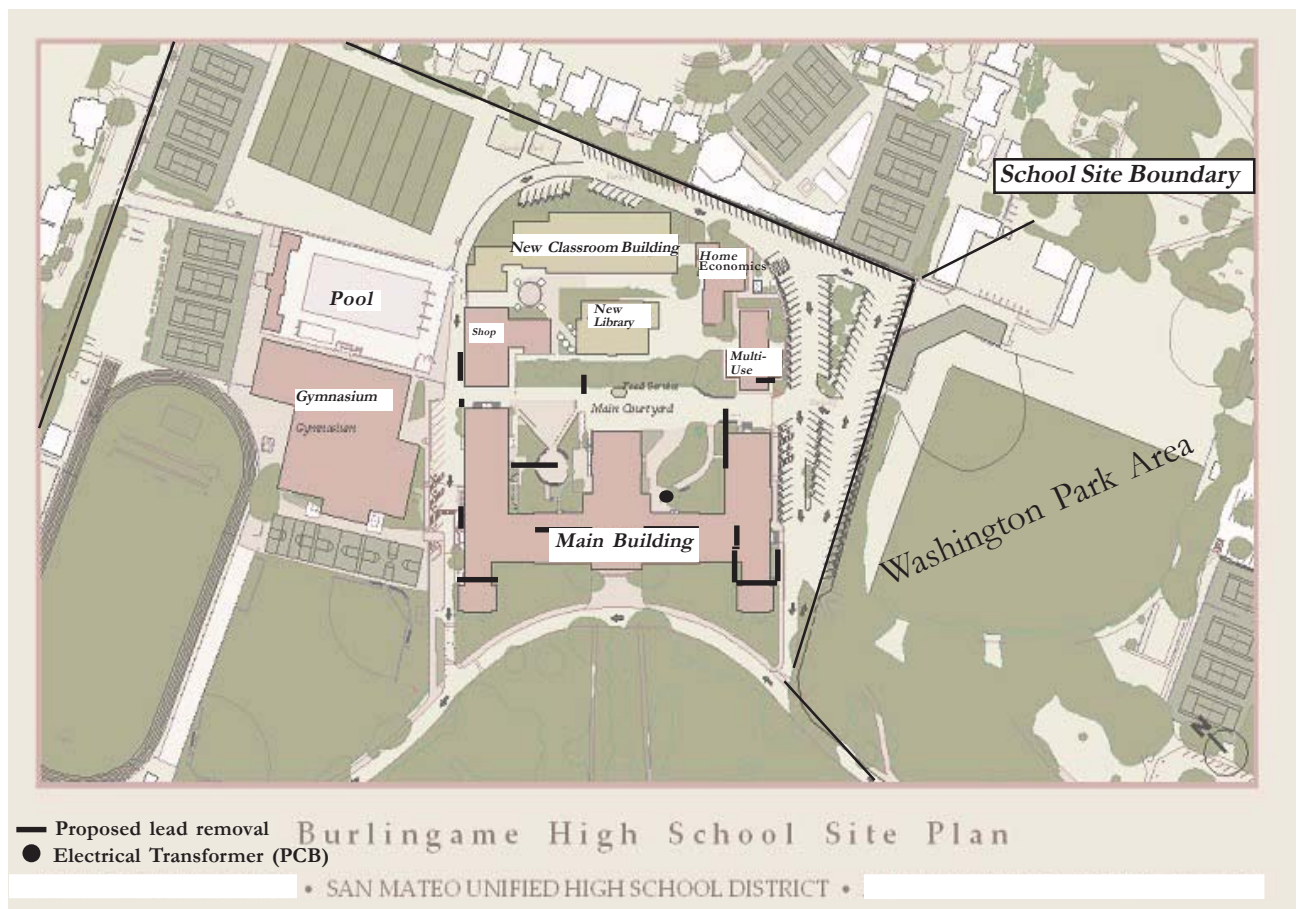
The primary objective of the cleanup is to prevent or reduce potential risks to public health and the environment. The draft RAW summarizes previous studies, outlines cleanup activities and proposes removal options. Cleanup alternatives are evaluated on the basis of their effectiveness, ability to implement and cost.

DTSC places the draft RAW in the information repositories for review during the 30-day public comment period. DTSC will review and consider comments received during the 30-day public comment period before making a final decision to approve or deny the proposed cleanup method.

Proposed cleanup method

It is proposed that the removal activities occur during the winter break for Burlingame High School in December 2005, while the students are out of school. The following activities are proposed for the removal activities:

- Remove approximately 90 cubic yards (approximately 7 truckloads) of soil containing lead-based paint residue and PCBs.



- Transport soil containing lead-based paint residue and PCBs, using a licensed hazardous waste trucking contractor, to a State-licensed disposal facility.
- Backfill with clean imported soil, if necessary

Proposed RAW activities

You can expect to see the following activities:

- Personnel using heavy equipment such as Backhoe and wearing safety gear
- Stockpiled contaminated soil on site
- Stockpiles covered with tarps to protect them from wind and rain
- Covered trucks removing soil from the site to a state-licensed landfill
- Airborne dust monitoring
- Water trucks lightly spraying the soil to prevent dust from becoming airborne

Dust suppression

Dust control measures, including water spraying, will reduce dust during the cleanup activities. Airborne dust monitoring system will ensure that efforts to reduce dust are working. Before leaving the site, truck tires will be cleaned and soil loads will be covered with tarps so that soil will not spill out of the trucks while they are on the road.

Fencing

The areas where the digging will occur will be secured with fencing so that unauthorized personnel cannot enter the work area.

Truck route

A variety of truck types will be used to deliver and remove supplies and materials from the site on an as needed basis. Trucks will travel between the hours of 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Trucks exiting the site will:

Travel northwest on Carolan Avenue towards Oak Grove Avenue, then turn left. The trucks will travel north and turn right onto California Avenue, then make a right onto Broadway and merge onto US-101 S towards San Jose. Next, the trucks will merge onto CA-92 East towards Hayward; then onto I-880 North towards Oakland and merging into I-238 South towards I-580 - Castro Valley; then merge onto



Example of a Backhoe

I-580, then I-5 South then proceed on I-5 directly to Kettleman Landfill.

California Environmental Quality Act - Notice of Exemption

DTSC prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this project as required by the CEQA. The NOE document states that the project will not have effects on the environment or human health.

Next steps

If comments are received by the community, DTSC will prepare a “Response to Comments” at the completion of the 30-day public comment period. Anyone who submits comments regarding the proposed cleanup activities will receive a copy of the “Response to Comments.” Additionally, a copy of “The Response to Comments” will be placed in the information repositories.

For more information

Please contact any of the following individuals with any questions or concerns you may have.

For questions regarding the draft RAW please contact Ms. Kamili Siglowide, DTSC Project Manager at (916) 255-6527 or e-mail Ksiglowi@dtsc.ca.gov.

For questions regarding the public participation process, contact Ms. Kim Rhodes, DTSC Public Participation Specialist at (916) 255-3651 or e-mail Krhodes1@dtsc.ca.gov.

For questions from the media, please contact
Ms. Angela Blanchette, DTSC Public Information
Officer at (510) 540-3732 or e-mail
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TDD users can use the California Relay Service at
1-888-877-5378 and ask to speak with
Ms. Kim Rhodes at (916) 255-3651.

Anuncio

Si prefiere hablar con alguien en español acerca de
esta informacion, favor de llamar a Jesus Cruz,
Especialista en Participacion Publica del
Departamento de Control de Sustancias Toxicas.
El numero de telefono es (916) 255-3315.

Information Repositories

The draft RAW and other related documents may
be viewed at the following location:

San Mateo Union High School District

650 North Delaware Street
San Mateo, California 94401
(605) 762-0249

Burlingame Public Library

480 Primrose
Burlingame, California 94010
(650) 558-7410

Department of Toxic Substances Control

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Sacramento, California 95826
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Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
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